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HAD SILO EXCURSION

Boost For Dairy Farming In Kootenai County.

That the farmers of Kootenai county are very much interested in silos and better farming was manifested by the large attendance at the first silo excursion which was held Friday, May 9, says the report from Coeur d'Alene. Ten autos carrying about 40 information seekers were piloted by County Agent H. H. Beler over a route that he had planned. F. R. Cammack, field dairyman with the University Extension Division, was along and offered some valuable information on the various problems under consideration. At each farm such topics as silo types, methods of construction, costs, silo construction equipment, dairy stock, and general farm management were studied from a practical point of view.

The hungry excursionists reached Post Falls at noon and enjoyed a splendid lunch which the business men of Post Falls had arranged for them by the home economics department of the high school. After the lunch a few short talks were made. E. T. Taylor, president of the farm bureau, commented on the necessity of better farm practices to keep up the fertility of the soil and that the silo and dairy cow were means to that end. He remarked that some persons were mining, not farming, as they were taking something out of the ground and not putting anything back. Mr. Taylor spoke of the effect that such enthusiastic gatherings would have to help build up the country, making better and more prosperous communities. Mr. Cammack spoke briefly of the success of the silo in other communities and how the numbers were increasing. He stated that he had attended a large number of silo excursions but only one had excelled the Kootenai county excursion and it was in a county that had boosted such projects for several years. Chas. Feely and Mads Neilsen were called on and spoke briefly of the silo crops for Kootenai county, and called attention to the fact that there are now over twenty-five silos in the county.

After noon the party proceeded to the Pleasant View districts where several concrete silos were inspected, and dairy farming of the highest type is being carried on. Two of the excursionists, E. E. Kyle and Charles Feely, are each making plans to construct their second silo this year. Every one expressed himself as being well paid for the time spent on the trip.

Idaho State News Items.

Idaho clover seed is in demand in the east.

At Jerome \$200,000 road bonds were voted on May 8th.

A test for oil is to be made at George Creek, near Almo.

St. Anthony has voted \$40,000 bonds for improvements on walks and streets.

The president of the Earl Fruit Co., of New York, says Idaho prunes are best for shipping.

More than \$1,500,000 federal money is to be spent on road construction in Idaho in 1919 and 1920.

Idaho has state funds invested in mortgages, bonds, sale certificates, etc., to the amount of nearly ten million dollars.

Reports received at Boise indicate that every county in Idaho over-subscribed its quota in the Victory loan.

Boise voted last Saturday to issue \$155,000 bonds to purchase grounds for the approach to the state capitol

building. The bonds carried by a vote of 2929 to 41.

With the fruit trees all in bloom, Priest River residents awoke Monday morning to find a thick, heavy snow falling and the ground covered to a depth of an inch.

The Idaho Reclamation association at Pocatello is organizing the commercial clubs of the state into an efficient unit for the purpose of inducing congress to develop agricultural resources of the state by irrigation.

The Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co., at Kellogg is using one furnace and producing 90 tons of bullion daily, production being limited by shortage of experienced miners.

A strike developed among the men at the sorting works of the boom company at Priest River, May 12. The men, in their "breaking out" of the logs jammed at the mouth of the Priest river, have worked to a point above the Great Northern bridge, and for this reason demand rivermen's wages, which are \$6 a day. The boom men are paid \$5.

Idaho's winter wheat came through the winter with but a 2 per cent loss, leaving 224,380 acres for harvesting. A condition of 100 per cent forecasts a production of 8,798,300 bushels. The crop is making satisfactory progress in all sections of the state, says the bureau of crop estimates.

The record price for the present for wool, according to Hugh Sprout, president of the Idaho Wool Growers' association, was received by N. Turnbull of Mooreville, Ore., when he received 50 cents a pound for high grade wool. Considerable wool is being sold at from 45 to 48 cents a pound in southern Idaho, Mr. Sprout says.

Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson is cited to appear in person or through counsel, together with the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, before the Third judicial district court of this state to show cause why a permanent injunction should not be issued against them prohibiting the order of the postmaster general increasing telephone rates for that company in southern Idaho from going into effect.

The Long Range Sniper, the paper of the 66th Artillery Brigade published at Hohn-Grenzhausen, Germany, says the 146th and 148th Field Artillery regiments, making up the brigade, fired 53 per cent of the total of all the G. P. F. ammunition expended on all fronts by all regiments of the A. E. F. The grand total fired by the American forces was 264,000 rounds.

Governor Davis' cabinet members found themselves confronted, they said, with a deficiency of \$1,060,000 inherited from the last administration, whereas six years ago the deficiency was but \$90,000. State Treasurer Eagleson said that the state would realize a premium of \$10,000 from the \$1,200,000 worth of bonds authorized by the last legislature and that within 10 days the first installment on the \$900,000 capitol building bonds would be received. Attorney General Black held that this money can not be invested in government securities.

Prof. H. B. Reed, of the department of psychology at the University of Idaho, has made an intelligence test of 225 men and 159 women students during the past winter, and finds that the men are more intelligent than women. Women 17 years old average ten points higher than men of the same age, but men catch up the next year and men 22 years old average 8 points higher. The students were not tested in knowledge, but in ability to adapt themselves to environment, to obey orders, show common sense, solve problems, impart information, etc., eight groups of questions being used. Each class was found to be more intelligent than the class next below it.

NEW BOARD MET

Flemming Is Chairman of Rathdrum Trustees.

The new Rathdrum board of trustees, C. F. Borell, Dr. O. G. Farnsworth, J. Biemond, G. W. Flemming and E. A. Swanson, met Monday evening and organized. Geo. W. Flemming was chosen chairman. Appointment of the standing committees was deferred until an inspection of the town is made by the entire board. All the members of the board were present and the question of improving the appearance of the town by tearing down, repairing, repainting and parking, was discussed generally.

All the appointive officials of the preceding board were retained as follows: J. R. M. Culp, clerk; W. W. Bennett, treasurer; Miles F. Egbers, attorney. S. Beck was reappointed collector of delinquent water rents.

The annual financial statement was read showing total receipts from all sources the last fiscal year \$4768.55; total expenditures \$4644.55; cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year \$1177; cash at end of fiscal year \$1301. Of this amount on hand, \$1048.38 is in the sinking fund. There are no outstanding warrants.

Bills allowed:
Miles Egbers, atty. salary \$10.00
Rath. Elec. Co., April lights 79.50
S. Beck, work on pipeline 2.00

FROM OVER THE COUNTY

POST FALLS

H. C. Allen, who died at Sprague, Wash., was buried at Post Falls. He was formerly state highway engineer.

W. H. Nogle and Mrs. Margaret Smith were married at Coeur d'Alene May 8.

Dick Ferrell, the lumber jack preacher, is taking the place of the Rev. N. M. Fiske during the latter's absence on a trip to the union of churches conferences at St. Louis.

The Sunflower club at East Greenacres has elected Mrs. Minnie Libby president; Mrs. Laura Hite, vice-president, and Mrs. Laura Erickson, secretary-treasurer.

SPIRIT LAKE

Spirit Lake now boasts a payroll of approximately a hundred thousand a month. The Panhandle mill and Milwaukee shops are both busy.

E. A. Conklin is chairman of the new village board. Marshal Brown and Fire Chief Muller were reappointed.

New applications for federal farm loans aggregate \$40,000.

The Spirit Lake team lost its first game of the season to the Spokane Tigers, 2 to 6.

The village expenditures the last fiscal year amounted to \$3318.53.

Mrs. E. W. Marshall died in Minnesota. She leaves her husband and two sons and a sister, Mrs. C. B. Klopff, of Spirit Lake; one sister in Minnesota and one in Wisconsin.

Under the direction of Principal Dorothea Wenz, the pupils of the public schools presented "Farm Folks" at Assembly hall last Friday night.

HARRISON

The city expended \$4732.29 during the last fiscal year. The annual esti-

mate for the current year calls for \$6667.

The Export and Springston mills are running again.

E. C. Wert, returned soldier, spoke at the Methodist church Sunday.

A carload of potatoes were shipped from Medimont last week.

The Downe sawmill at Lane is running with a full crew and wages \$4.50 and up.

COEUR D'ALENE

A. Cook has been reappointed city treasurer, and Geo. K. Evans chief of police.

Benjamin Jenkins, band leader, who died of pulmonary tuberculosis, was buried Sunday.

County Commissioners Johnson, McCrea and Morris arrived in Coeur d'Alene and were in regular session Monday.

The city budget is \$55,821 for the current fiscal year. It provides \$13,260 for the current expense fund, the largest single item.

Sup't R. C. Egbers gives notice that the final eighth grade examination will be conducted in the various school districts of Kootenai county, on May 27, 28, and 29.

Mayor H. P. Glindeman issued orders to Chief of Police George Evans calling for the immediate removal of all jewelry punch boards in the city.

The city council fixed the salaries of appointive officers as follows: Treasurer, \$300 per annum; city attorney \$500; chief of police, \$1380, a 15 per cent increase; patrolman \$1320 a year; street overseer \$1 per per year; superintendent of park and cemetery, \$1080 a year.

All efforts to recover the body of Carl Berg, who was drowned in the Spokane river last Sunday have been futile. Mr. Berg posted \$50 at the office of Prosecuting Attorney Bert A. Reed as a reward for the recovery of the body. Ever since the drowning steamboats with dragging and grappling hooks have been scouring the river from Gibbs station to the Atlas mill. Berg with another boy capsized their boat against a dead-head. The other boy escaped by swimming.

Bear Bounty Repealed.

A. M. Stebbins, county defooter of Bonner county, was notified last week from the game department at Boise of changes in the state bounty law by which bounties are removed from bears and gophers and increased on wolves to \$20 and on cougars to \$50. Instead of having a county defooter the work formerly devolving upon the defooter now becomes the duty of the sheriff and instead of taking the feet of the predatory animal the scalp is split and the scalp pelt is turned in for the bounty.

Idaho has been the only state in recent years to pay bounties upon bear and the state's bill for bear bounties has been averaging \$1000 a month, according to the information sent Mr. Stebbins by the game department. In the absence of bear bounty in neighboring states, it is suspected that the state had paid bounties for bear killed in adjoining states and that is one reason given for the repeal of the law.—Pend d'Oreille Review.

Announcement is issued that the semi-annual meeting of the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce will be held at Moscow on June 4 and 5 and invitations have been issued to the municipalities and commercial bodies of all the northern counties of the state to send delegates.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Busy Week For Students and Teachers.

FROM THE SCHOOL

Remember the May Pageant this afternoon on the High School campus at 2:30 o'clock. If the weather is unfavorable, however, the feature will be postponed and announcement made in school as to the time.

A banquet is being given tonight in honor of the Senior class by Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Swenson at their home.

Rev. T. H. Harper, D. D., of the Westminster Congregational church at Spokane, will conduct the baccalaureate services at the Community church next Sunday evening. Dr. Harper has spent considerable time in war work in France. No one should miss hearing one of the biggest men Spokane can afford.

The cast for the Senior Class play is working hard, under the direction of Miss Gerriets and Miss Brier, to make this number of the calendar a crowning success. Everyone will be fascinated with the "Fascinating Fanny."

The final High School attraction of the week will be the Senior class exercises Friday evening, May 23rd. We are proud to announce Rev. J. M. Walters of the Central Methodist church, Spokane, as the Commencement speaker. Honors of graduation will be conferred upon the following: Etta Berges, Dewet Bradbury, Roy Challender, Pearl Doyle, Lester Ernsberger, Grace Hulsey, Stella Hurrell, Carmen Layton and Walter Wisdom. The presentation of diplomas will be made by Mr. Miles F. Egbers in behalf of the Board of Education.

The State examinations for the Eighth Grade will occur May 27, 28, and 29. The Eighth Grade exercises will be held Saturday evening, May 31st. The work in the other grades will continue until June 13th.

Refuses to Pay Taxes.

Spokane, Wash., May 12—Alleging that it is being discriminated against in the assessing of its holdings in Shoshone and Kootenai counties in Idaho, the Washington Water Power company has filed suit in the federal court for the northern Idaho district, seeking to force the county tax collectors and auditors of those counties to accept the amount tendered by the company as payment of the company's taxes, and to prevent the county officials from issuing delinquent certificates. The complaint states that the company tendered \$4216.89 to Shoshone county, but that the payment was refused, the treasurer demanding \$7667.08.

"The Water Power company is simply being assessed at 100 per cent and more of the actual value of its holdings in these counties, while similar other property is being assessed at 50 per cent and less of the actual value," stated the attorney for the power company.

The company gives the value of its operating property in Idaho, as fixed by the state public utilities commission, as \$2,438,973, and the value of its St. Maries plant at \$43,097, while the Idaho state board of equalization has fixed the tax value of the company's holdings at \$2,700,000.

The court is asked to require the counties to answer the complaint, to restrain the county officials from issuing delinquency certificates of deeds to the property, and to declare all taxes in Shoshone county against the company's property void, excepting the sum of \$2416.89.

Time may be money, but somehow your friends always appreciate the money you spend on them more than the time.